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THURSDAY EVE., DEC. 23, 1898.

## LOCAL NEWS.

For presents look through the mammoth assortment at E. D. Bartholomew & Co.'s. Fine walks are decidedly sick to-day.

Only one more day, and then comes Christmas.

BANK CASH will arrive to-morrow at about 12 o'clock.

The State Grange will meet at Bloomington January 11th.

MATTIE VICKERS in "Cherub" to-night at the opera house.

Two children saw the comedy, "The Merry Widow," at 15 cents.

Saw the "Mugs" Landing" matinee and night performance Christmas day at the opera house.

DIAL with Henry Bauer, the East Main street grocer. Dressed turkeys and chickens.

LEAVE orders for family groceries at A. J. Smith & Son's store on N. H. Water street. Orders promptly filled.

H. W. Hutz captured premiums at the St. Louis show on high bred Plymouth Rocks.

Dressed turkeys and chickens, fresh fat, and systems every day at D. H. Hutz and A. J. Smith's grocery store on Merchant street.

Two ladies attending the Christmas Matinee will receive a cabinet size photo of the sprightly little actress, Frances Bishop.

Five little children have come down from the week in dress boxes. Old Santa's clothes shown at the store and in the windows at Abel & Locke's and at J. H. Black & Son's establishments.

Start up N. H. Water street by telephone and see the opera house.

One who attended the Christmas Matinee at J. H. Black & Son's to-morrow evening will be charged admission. Each ticket is requested to bring a potato, and a commission. The potatoes will be given to the poor. Not a bad idea.

Christmas merriment in great variety at the Grand Hotel at market on Merchant street.

FRANK GILLES was jailed last night by Marshal Mason. He is a Canadian stranger and is wanted at Terre Haute.

Passengers of Epworth gallery will please call at once and make engagements for next week, as every hour is taken for this week.

The "Class Day" entertainment at the Episcopal Grace Mission last night drew out a large audience and of course pleased every body.

OLD SANTA'S OWN BORN GIVING immense bargains in Gent's and Children's Christmas Shippers, at J. H. Black & Son's.

LAST night Officers Helmick and Bailey locked up John Caldwell, a negro, for threatening the life of his wife, near the toy factory. John charged his wife with general immorality, and he got a revolver which he threatened to use.

We have an oversize of Christmas Shippers, and are closing them out at Bargains. Call and see Old Santa's Own and his bargains at J. H. Black & Son's.

V. H. PARKER, best Feed Store in town, Christmas Neckwear, latest styles, at B. Stine's.

Mrs. S. and boys' overcoats \$1.50 to \$2.50 at J. H. Black & Son's.

The social event at Bloomington yesterday was the marriage of Miss Della Williams, a highly accomplished young lady, and Mr. William McClambridge, the managing editor of the Pantograph. The members of the Presser press wish Billy much joy.

WIDOW SHIPPERS, for men and boys, ladies, misses and children. Came this morning by express, at Powers & Harworth's.

If you want the handsomest and best hard coal burner ever made, buy the Royal Temperance.

All members of Haworth Council, No. 64, Royal Templars of Temperance, are requested to attend the meeting to-night at Dr. Clark's office on Merchant street. Business of importance. Officers will be elected.

WIDOW SHIPPERS, for men and boys, ladies, misses and children. Came this morning by express, at Powers & Harworth's.

Excursions over the Wabash railway to California and the west on the 29th of December. For rates and routes and free of matter, don't fail to call on Thos. Evans, excursion agent, office over post-office, Decatur, Ill.

V. H. PARKER, New York Dairy Feed.

# WEDDING BELLS.

The Rayburn-Shafer Marriage at the Presbyterian Church Last Night.

The social event in Decatur last evening was the happy marriage of Mr. T. Bonnegard Rayburn, of Little Rock, Arkansas, and Miss Sylvia Shafer, the accomplished daughter of Mrs. C. J. Dawkins. The ceremony occurred at the Presbyterian church at a few minutes before nine o'clock in the presence of a large company of invited friends, the audience room being nearly filled. The officiating clergyman was the pastor, Rev. W. H. Preasley.

The bridal party entered the church while a beautiful wedding march was executed by Prof. Brown, preceded by the ushers, Daniel Dinstman and D. H. Holman. At the altar the bride and groom took their places in front of the clergyman. The bridesmaids without escorts were Miss Julia Ossinger, of LaSalle, Ill., attired in pink ottoman silk, and Miss Florence Rainey, dressed in cream satin silk, stood at the right of the altar, and near them were the mother of the bride, her sister and her uncle, Mr. Colin Carter. The bride was beautifully attired in a rich white satin dress, caten train, high neck, long sleeves and deep gloves. The conventional tulle bridal veil enveloped the form. The ornaments were orange blossoms and diamonds.

At the close of the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Rayburn led the way to the carriage, the relatives and a few of the more intimate friends of the family going direct to the residence of the bride's mother at 505 West Wood street, where personal congratulations were extended and where an elegant wedding repast was served. The bride, who is a favorite in Decatur social circles, received a large number of useful gifts, beautiful tokens of good wishes.

This afternoon the happy pair departed for Little Rock, their future home, where Mr. Rayburn, who is a young man of good address, is engaged in the photographic business.

## PERSONAL MENTION.

Hon. Jason Rogers was at Springfield last evening.

Jasper Young, the Ill. Cent. agent at Marion, was in the city last evening.

Berry Farris has arrived from New Mexico, to spend the holidays at home.

Mrs. J. M. Gresham, of Casey, Ill., is in the city visiting her mother, Mrs. D. P. Bunn.

City Attorney Mills and family left to-day for Mt. Zion to pass Christmas day with Stephen Mahanah and family.

David Martin, the lime dealer and concrete paving contractor, was at Mechanic last week.

Fleet Davis, the handsome barber at Gresham's shop, will leave for Indianapolis to visit his parents and renew his acquaintance with the Hoosier beauties.

Rev. W. L. Rankin, of Mt. Zion, was in the city to-day, completing arrangements for the Christmas tree at the Cumberland Pres. church to-morrow evening.

Hon. and Mrs. D. S. Shellabarger departed for the east last night. They will visit Washington and also Annapolis, where they will greet their son, Fred, a cadet in the Naval Department.

E. H. Smith, business manager Bartley Campbell's great romantic spectacular drama, "Clay," is in the city arranging for the production of the play at the opera house on next Thursday evening, the 30th inst.

Houston Singleton, of this city, and Miss Laura E. Cassius, of Gibson City, Ill., are soon to be united in marriage. The reception will be held at the residence of James Hollinger on the evening of December 30th.

A well-planned audience of good size was at the opera house last night to witness the appearance of the talented Home Musical party, which embraces artists of note. The singing and jokes were immense, the telephone wind up being original as to details. The pleasing specialties included George Brett in club singing, F. C. Hall, contortionist, C. Farnce, silver clog, H. S. McClure, banjo soloist, the only Fred Jones on the stump, Frank Ross, juggler, and the imitable big four dance team. McClure, Farnce, McGeorge and Williams who brought down the house, Charley Pringle in Silence and Fun. The performance closed with a farce that caught on big. The members of the Opera orchestra were blacked up and all acquitted themselves in a manner to win general applause. The boys are ahead about \$100.

The firm of Sorgen & Stout has been dissolved. Sorgen & Son will be found at 211 North Main St. in room formerly occupied by the Herald. d8-d3w

DAVID KACFMAN, arrested on a bench warrant for alleged adultery and fornication, was placed in the county jail, as he failed to furnish bail in the sum of \$500. Weather predictions are quoted low just now.

In the county court to-day in the case of Henry O. Mowry vs. Andrew J. Bixler, note and interest, a hearing was had, and the plaintiff was allowed \$697.96 as of the seventh class.

An admission fee of 10 cents will be charged those attending the Christian church Christmas festivities to-morrow evening who are not members of the Sunday school. An excellent musical and literary programme has been arranged.

Folding beds as low as \$20 at Dastman & Meyer's furniture store.

Boys' Jersey Caps at 10c at Stine's.

The officers are flying around lively executing bench warrants, the result of indictments found by the famous grand jury. A number of saloon-keepers and gamblers gave bail and secured their liberty yesterday.

This forenoon, Constables Harris and Dilleham arrested Mrs. Dora Mook and Mrs. Martha Rice for adultery and fornication, and both were placed in jail. Mrs. Mook has an infant four months old. It was whisked to the jail in a baby carriage and went into the debtor's room with the mother. It was tough work, but the officers had to do their duty.

The Wabash. At Chicago yesterday before Judge Gresham, the petition on behalf of the purchasing committee of the Wabash railroad was presented, asking that the Chicago branch be turned over to them, they agreeing to pay all the indebtedness of this branch of the road, as well as the interest on all bonds to date. Judge Gresham decided to postpone further hearing on the matter until next Tuesday. What does this mean?

Christmas Gifts. Marriage licenses have been issued by County Clerk Hardy as follows:

Frank Newton and Miss Mame Jacoby, of Warrensburg.

John W. Herman, of Long Creek, and Miss Seville Nicholson, of Elwin.

Perry Wendell and Mrs. Mary E. Davidson, of Long Creek.

Elmer Robinson and Miss Alice Hemminger, of Cerro Gordo.

William H. Stout and Miss Fannie V. Hall, of Forsyth.

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The case of the People vs. Jacob H. Seibert, charged with the abduction of Ella Bay, came up before Justice Lowry to-day. By agreement the hearing was continued on 11 December 30, at 1 p. m., the same bond of \$800 with Jack Ranshaw as security giving Seibert his liberty.

Revival.

Revival services at Stapp's Chapel to-night. Last night was one of victory. The altar was again well filled by earnest seekers. Six professed conversion and others were greatly quickened. At the afternoon service four came into the clear light of God's favor.

Ladies' Night.

The lady friends of the members of the Decatur Club will be entertained at the Club rooms to-night. The reception will commence at 8:30 o'clock and continue until 10:30. Members and their guests are requested to attend promptly at 8:30. Progressive euchre will be played at the card tables.

The mail carriers say they will linger until Mr. Jack rings the bell on them. They don't like to throw the salary of \$235 a day over their shoulders. They are in no hurry to retire, but will do so gracefully when the time comes. It is claimed that one of the five will be retained under the new administration. There will be plenty of applicants for the vacant places. Look out for a general scramble.

To-Night.

The Mattie Vickers combination has arrived and will appear in that pretty comedy, "Cherub," at the opera house to-night. Don't fail to go.

Postponement.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Egbert will take place from the Universalist church at 10 a. m. to-morrow. The change was made necessary because of the failure to catch the train at St. Louis this morning. The remains will arrive to-night.

The Christmas Day Play.

"Mugs' Landing," with Miss Frances Bishop in the title role, is a play of the M'iss order but is original and altogether pleasing, without the slightest taint of vulgarity or immorality. It will be the matinee and night attraction at the opera house Saturday. Wherever it has been played the papers with one accord speak in the highest praise of the company, which presents it, and especially of the charming actress, Miss Bishop, who assumes the leading role. Of the play itself, that excellent dramatic critic, the Philadelphia Register, speaks as follows:

"Mugs' Landing" was only launched upon the stage at the opening of the season, but it is already a big success and gives promise of enjoying a long run. It is more than is claimed for it. Unlike most plays, it is strongly dramatic, without the usual murder, betrayals, suicides, etc. There is not a weak point or a superfluous line in the whole construction. It is chaste and charming, with sudden transformations from the sublime to the ridiculous. Tragedy and comedy are deftly interwoven, and thrilling situations are jewels in a crown of the most enjoyable nonsense.

The Christmas Cantata, "The Wife's Christmas," will be given by the Baptist Sabbath school Saturday evening at 8:30. Scholars not supplied with tickets can get them by calling on J. E. Saxton or at the church Saturday afternoon.

PRACTICAL talk by an old sailor at the Y. M. C. A. Rooms to-morrow evening. He will exhibit and describe a ship he has made.

GENTS' Christmas Slippers, from 75c to \$2.50 at J. H. Black & Son's.

Old Santa.

Don't forget to call and see Old Santa at J. H. Black & Son's Mammoth Shoe Store.

MEN'S and boys' fur caps at J. R. Race & Co.'s from \$1.00 to \$3.00.

Boys' Christmas Slippers, from 50c to \$1.50, at J. H. Black & Son's.

# A MODEL CHRISTMAS DISPLAY

Imboden Bros. Again at the Front—English Holly, California Moss and Other Decorations.

Jolly Roasts, Tender Steaks and Other Choice Meats for the People.

Thirty-one years ago there was no such display of holiday meats at Imboden's as may be seen here to-day, nor were there so many people in Decatur to be fed as there are now. But on the same corner of Wood and South Main streets stood Imboden's meat market, and there it has remained from that day to this, for it was on the twenty-third day of December, 1857, that this now well-known headquarters for all kinds of meats first opened its doors to the public. Truth compels the explanation, however, that the present popular proprietors of the establishment were very small boys at that time, and that it was their honored father who founded the business and carried it on there for many years, finally passing it over into the hands of "the boys," who were brought up to the trade, and who have been worthy successors of an equally worthy sire. The lessons of upright and honorable dealing, of doing exactly what they promised to do, and of being exactly what they professed to be, which were taught them from their earliest boyhood, were not lost upon them, and the old settlers who have been buying their beefsteaks and sausages at Imboden's for nearly a third of a century know to a certainty that they are getting the best that can be had for the money, and therefore they are content. The best and surest way, after all, to gain the confidence of the public is to merit it, and this is one of the ways in which the proprietors of this old and popular establishment have succeeded in retaining the trade of so many of their old customers besides winning the patronage of so many new ones. It has always been their greatest aim to treat everybody kindly, to sell only good and wholesome meat, and to keep their establishment so clean and pure that there could be no cause of complaint.

For many years it has been the custom of the Imboden to make an extra effort at the holiday season to supply their customers with the choicest meats in the country. For months beforehand the best and finest cattle are picked out, and a few days before Christmas they are exhibited upon the streets in some public place, after which they are slaughtered and the carcasses exposed in the market, with such fancy decorations as the most tasteful and experienced artists in that line can suggest. These annual displays have come to be a feature of the holidays in Decatur, and never fail to attract the attention of all sorts of people. This year Messrs. Imboden Bros. have selected some fifteen head of the choicest cattle in this county and its vicinity, and to-day the first installment will be on exhibition at the market. These animals include representatives of all the best known breeds of beef cattle, the Short Horns, Herefords and Polled Angus varieties. Of Short-Horns there are four representatives—one two-year-old steer purchased from Mr. T. C. Pouting of Moweaqua, one two-year-old steer and one three-year-old heifer from Charles M. Boardman of Wheatland, and one two-year-old heifer from Supervisor Jacob Hanes of Hickory. Of Herefords there are ten—eight of them being two-year-old heifers purchased from Mr. Pouting, who also supplies one yearling steer, and one two-year-old heifer purchased from Mr. Samuel Weaver of Hickory, who also supplies a yearling Polled Angus steer. These animals are all of the very best, and persons who admire the sight of so much high-bred beef should not fail to go on hand at the market this afternoon or to-morrow to feast their eyes. (The feasting of their palates will come a little later.) Orders for choice cuts have already come in from quite a distance, some from as far off as Philadelphia. The market has been handsomely decorated, and looks peculiarly inviting in its dress of evergreens, California moss, English holly leaves and berries. Messrs. Imboden Bros. extend a cordial invitation to the public to come and see their display, and this invitation is not confined to their regular customers, but is meant to include everybody, and whether they intend to buy or not. Go by all means.

JANUARY 1, 1897, at 2:30 p. m., at Linn & Scruggs store, there will be an impartial distribution of the prizes promised by us, to those who gave us their names for our Directory. All interested are invited to be present.

Linn & Scruggs. P. S.—The distribution will be published after the drawing. L. & S.

For the Children. Christmas is not complete without candies, and at Henry Ebert's candy palace on Prairie street is the place to get them. If you have not been there, go by all means, and you will be astonished at the fine display. Plain and fancy candies and foreign and domestic fruits, nuts and raisins, and everything else in the line of Christmas sweetmeats. Go and see them. 22 d

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We propose to force these goods to move and they must go—10c! TIVELY MUST—before the New Year. We are going to sell ALL this season, no matter what the original price, or whether we can afford it or not. Nothing will stand in the way or prevent us from converting these goods INTO MONEY. The public know that we never fail to act up to what we advertise.

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The Peoria Decatur and Evansville railway  
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between all stations at One and One Third  
fare for the round trip good going Decem-  
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to return until Jan 3d  
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Reduced Rates for the Holidays  
For the holidays the Wabash will sell tick-  
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fare for the round trip. Tickets will be on  
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For upholstery and furniture repair  
1 g. get A. B. Co., corner of West Main  
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Chancery Notice.  
STATE OF ILLINOIS, ss  
MADISON COUNTY  
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and Reuben Botz.  
Notice is hereby given to the said Albert M.  
Stafford and Lucinda Stafford, that the above  
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catur in said Mason county, on the Second  
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B. MCLELLAN Clerk  
JOHN S. RANDOLPH Complainants Sol's  
Nov 23 d&wt

**ROYAL**  
  
**BAKING POWDER**  
Absolutely Pure.

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—IF YOU DO—  
**YOU WILL BE SORRY FOR IT.**

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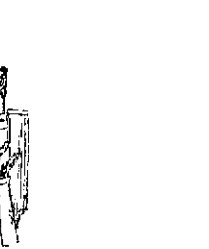
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Special attention given and prices made to Sun-  
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If you want a CHRISTMAS PRESENT you wish to get one, a  
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REGARDLESS OF COST for the sake of the expense of moving.  
Don't forget to call before the houses are all gone. Remember the  
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25. After 10 A. M. of Jan. 1st 1897, 1000 to 1000 at the corner of East Main  
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**GRAND HOLIDAY DISPLAY.**



We will not be behind any of our competitors in the matter of  
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but will have as fine a display as any of them, including all kinds of FRESH AND  
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At a Price.

BUG! BUG! BUG!

The finest novelty ever shown in the city of Decatur and the ONLY one known to be in the United States,

A SOLID GOLD STEM-WINDING BUG,

With red wings, set with 31 diamonds, and a movement on the inside giving the correct time of day. I respectfully invite the public to call and see the Bug; it is valued at \$200.

I also have a beautiful display of Diamonds and Watches.

E. J. HARPSTRITE,  
The Jeweler,  
146 East Prairie St., East of Post Office.

Holiday Books!

The following BEAUTIFULLY ILLUSTRATED BOOKS are now on sale at the CITY BOOK STORE:

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| Well Worn Roads,.....                             | \$15.00 | Recent German Art,.....            | \$7.50 |
| Notable Etchings from Amer-<br>ican Authors,..... | 10.00   | Dailey's Evangeline,.....          | 7.50   |
| Last Leaf,.....                                   | 10.00   | Mahogany Tree,.....                | 6.00   |
| Great Painters of Christen-<br>dom,.....          | 10.00   | Nature's Hallelujah,.....          | 6.00   |
| Shakespearean Scenes and<br>Characters,.....      | 10.00   | Sterne's Sentimental Journey,..... | 5.00   |
| The Thames from Source to<br>Sea,.....            | 10.00   | Land of Rip Van Winkle,.....       | 5.00   |
| Wild Flowers of Colorado,.....                    | 7.50    | Table Book of Art,.....            | 5.00   |
| The Earl's Return,.....                           | 8.00    | Sermon on the Mount,.....          | 5.00   |
|   |         | Bible Gallery,.....                | 4.50   |
|   |         | Paradise Lost,.....                | 4.50   |
|   |         | Purgatory and Paradise,.....       | 4.50   |

Also, FINE HOLIDAY BOOKS, from \$1.00 to \$5.00, Standard American and Foreign Poets in Morocco, Tree Calf and Fancy Bindings. Dickens in Half Calf and Cloth. CHILDREN'S BOOKS IN GREAT VARIETY.

J. H. BEVANS,  
122 Merchant St. DECATUR, ILL.

Decatur Republican.

LOCAL NEWS.

Tax loss by fire at Bement was over-estimated. It is stated at \$13,000. These seven store buildings must have been rusty structures. J. H. Camp's loss was \$4,000; Joseph Hartman, \$1300; Jacob Matherspangh, \$1200; Abram Hays, \$2200; W. C. Trabue, \$3,000; E. Swaney, \$800; Dr. Vance, \$200; S. K. Bodman, \$400; J. S. Pears, \$100; Bishop Smith, \$250; Royal Thomas, \$50; G. W. Poole, \$100; F. A. Jones and H. D. Dunning, \$100; George Kirkland, \$150. Total insurance, \$25,000.

Do you suffer with chills?—I certify to the prompt relief obtained from the use of Salvation Oil for chills, and do not hesitate to recommend it as the best cure I ever tried. H. HOON, 749 W. Pratt st., Baltimore, Md.

"What fine chisel could ever cut breath!" and yet a hard vexing cough is cut all to bits with one bottle of Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup, the favorite.

Tax White Foam flour. You will like it. All grocers sell it.

No cheap gum drops or glucose in Harry Miller's Mixed Candy. He makes it fresh every day. 128 E. Main street, Leiby's old stand. 17-d9d

"You are a funny fellow. Haven't got that present yet? Worrying about what to buy for her are you? Well, you needn't do so any more. Take my advice. Go to W. O. Armstrong at once and make a selection from among those exquisitely beautiful plush goods. I've been there, and I bought right off at a very low price; but you needn't tell her what I paid for it. That's on the dead quiet, remember."

HEAVY winter caps for boys and men at J. R. Race & Co.'s for 25c. 20d-6

MILLER'S New Lunch Room and Restaurant is located now right along on Prairie street, and all refitted up in good shape. "Big fat oysters," meals and lunches good as the best. Come and see me. 20 d3

GRANT'S Christmas Slippers, from 50 cts to \$2.50, at J. H. Black & Son's.

A NOTED BANK THIEF.

Tried and Acquitted in Decatur in 1870—Captured by English Officers in Portugal.

A telegram from England a few days ago gave information of the capture of the most noted thief and bank sneak in the country, Walter Sheridan, and his partner, William Bartlett, at Oporto, Portugal, for attempting to forge Bank of England notes. Sheridan was run down by officers from Scotland Yard. He was a leader of a desperate gang of jewelry and bank robbers, and has done five years in Sing Sing, New York; three years in state prison in Pennsylvania, and two years in the Missouri penitentiary, besides being in many jails throughout the country. He has been implicated in many robberies of a daring character, as revealed by the books in charge of the Pinkerton National Detective Agency in Chicago. In 1869 Sheridan, alias Stronford, with two companions left Chicago for Springfield. Two days later a man stepped up to the cashier of the First National Bank of Springfield and said he was the executor of a large estate in which there were a number of minor heirs, and said to the cashier that he wished to purchase "five-twenty" bonds and "five-thirty" bonds, and wanted to get \$5,000 in gold, and to purchase three tickets to Europe, the bank selling steamship tickets. This was considerable of a sum to the cashier, and he started figuring on it at once. There was but one other clerk in the bank, which was situated on a corner, with a side entrance leading to the directors' room. While the clerk was doing the figuring, the other man slipped into the directors' room and with rubbers over his shoes went past and close to the clerk and served, and took from \$25,000 to \$30,000 out of the vault, and left the bank, passing out through the directors' room. As he was about stepping into the street, he was met by the president of the bank, who also entered the side door. It appears that the third man, who had been left on the street for the purpose of preventing anybody from getting into that door either failed in his attempt, or the president got to the door before the third man observed him. The president, noticing a man coming out of the bank with a bag under his coat in a mysterious manner, grabbed him and pushed him into the bank, and the moment the cashier saw him, he suspected the man in front of him was his confederate, and he at once jumped over the counter and held him also. These two men were identified by Mr. Wm A. Pinkerton as Walter Sheridan and Charles, alias "Baltimore" Hicks. They demanded a separate trial, and Hicks pleaded guilty and was sentenced to Joliet penitentiary for eight years. Sheridan got a separate trial.

STANFORD'S TRIAL IN DECATUR. As above intimated, Sheridan was known at Springfield when he was arrested for complicity in the attempted robbery as William A. Stanford. He forfeited his \$10,000 bond, but was caught by Pinkerton, of Chicago, in the east, the state's attorney of Sangamon county freely spending the forfeited \$10,000 to pay the expense of his capture. On being landed at Springfield by Pinkerton, Stanford proceeded to employ the best criminal lawyers to be had in the state. He got a change of venue from Springfield to Decatur, and stood his trial in November,

1870, before Judge Gallagher and a jury. Turning to the files of the REPUBLICAN, Dec. 1, 1870, there is found the final disposition of the case, which attracted widespread attention at the time. Witnesses were introduced showing that Stanford and his accomplice, Harper, were acquainted on Sept. 10, 1869, when the bold attempt was made to rob the Springfield National bank, but the jury returned a verdict of not guilty and Stanford was discharged. At the trial the People were represented by State's Attorney M. B. Thompson, who then represented this district, State's Attorney Morrison, of Sangamon circuit, Hon. W. E. Nelson, of Decatur, and Hon. H. S. Greene, of Springfield. The attorneys for Stanford were Hon. J. O. Robinson, of Springfield, Hon. A. B. Bunn, Hugh Cress, Esq., and F. S. Murphy, Esq., of Decatur. The REPUBLICAN then described the defendant as a goodlooking young gentleman with no resemblance to what is ordinarily thought to be a thief. He was accompanied during the trial by his wife—a modest looking lady—and by his little son, aged about five years. After leaving Decatur Stanford got in with a lot of bank forgers at New York and went to Europe, but was driven back to this country. In 1874, while in the brokerage business in New York, he put on the market and sold \$180,000 worth of the Buffalo, New York & Erie R. R. Co. bonds, all of which were forged. He fled to Europe with the money. Numerous other bold deeds are recited. He lived at Denver, Colo., for a time. William Pinkerton, who was a witness at the trial in Decatur, says: "He was one of the most desperate thieves I ever knew."

Y. M. C. A. Announcements  
To-night—Vocal class at 7:30; Oratorical Junior Reading Circle, 7:30; Gymnasium for Juniors at 7:30; Geo. Brett's class for young men at 8.

Christmas Eve (Friday)—Practical Talk, "Stories from a Sailor's Log Book," with an exhibition of the good ship, "Queen." Free to members and Juniors who show tickets.

Christmas Day—Parlors, reading room and gymnasium open to young men.  
New Year's Day—Grand reception to the young men of Decatur.

CALL for White Leaf and Domestic family flour, on sale at all grocery stores.

Decatur Encampment, No. 37, I. O. O. F.  
Regular meeting of Decatur Encampment this (Thursday) evening, at 7:30 o'clock. Patriarchs are requested to be present, as there will be work and business of importance. F. M. PRATT, C. P. J. C. MARK, Secy.

GENUINE Jersey milk in bottles and Vienna bread at J. Lytle & Co.'s family grocery store.

\$75 05.  
On December 29th the Prisco Line will sell Round Trip Excursion Tickets from St. Louis to San Francisco, Los Angeles or San Diego, California, of six months limit, at rate of \$72 From Decatur, Illinois, \$75.05. Excursion leaves St. Louis Union Depot at 8:25 p. m., December 29th. For further particulars apply to GEO. LOWREY, Trav. Land Agt. Prisco Line, Decatur, Ills. dec23-dtd

MARRIED.  
At 331 West Main street, December 22, by Rev. J. R. Jones, Minister of the Gospel, Mr. HENRY POTTER, of Decatur, and Miss BLA. KENDRICK, of Crawfordville, Ind.  
At his office, by Judge Nelson, December 22d, Mr. ELMER ROBINSON and Miss ALICE HEMMINGER, both of Cerro Gordo.

WHATEVER name or designation is given to Fever and Ague, or other intermittent diseases it is safe to say that Malaria or a disordered state of the Liver is at fault. It imminates the impurities from the system and a sure and prompt cure is the immediate result. Trickey's Ash Purifier is the safest and most effective remedy for all bilious troubles, indigestion, and like complaints that have ever been brought before the public. A trial is its best recommendation. b3

Orion bulk oysters and California fruits at Peter Ulrich's grocery store.

Gold and silver head silk umbrellas at J. R. Race & Co.'s from \$9.50 to \$12.00. 20 c6

SLIPPERS, Slippers, Slippers All styles, all sizes, all prices—at the popular Shoe Store of J. H. Black & Son 22-43

Dr. Hubbell,  
Office 239 North Main street. Exclusive Professional attention to adjusting Spectacles. An immense stock of the finest Gold Spectacles and Eye Glasses always on hand for my wholesale and retail trade. The best grades of Steel Frames also in great variety.  
Astigmatism and all other conditions requiring the aid of spectacles fitted and guaranteed, and no extra charge for examination of eyes. Dec.22-dtd

Free at Geo. W. Ehrhart's coal yard 04-10

The finest line of Christmas Slippers in the city at J. H. Black & Son's.

The Chicago Grain Market  
The following were the closing quotations in Chicago 11 p. m. to-day, received by G. C. Caldwell, Commission Merchant, this city:

Wheat—77 3/4 Dec; 77 1/2 Jan; 78 3/4 Feb; 83 1/2 May.  
Corn—36 3/4 Dec; 36 1/2 Jan; 36 1/2 Feb; 42 1/2 May.  
Oats—25 1/2 Dec; 25 1/4 Jan; 26 1/2 Feb; 31 May.  
Pork—\$11.25 Dec; \$11.37 Jan; \$11.77 Feb.  
Lard—\$6.20 Dec; \$6.22 Jan; \$6.30 May.  
Ribs—\$6.55 Dec; \$6.60 Jan; \$6.65 May.  
Live Stock—Estimated receipts—Hogs, 35,000; cattle, 10,000; sheep, 10,000. Cattle, 6,000; market slow.  
Our Late—Winter wheat 6; spring wheat 130; corn 26 1/2; oats 5 1/2.

Headquarters for Turkey  
This year will be found at I. E. Beck & Co.'s, where a splendid lot will be found in ample time for Christmas dinners. Also a complete assortment of all the good things that go with them, celery, nice and crisp, fresh Malaga grapes, nuts of all kinds, oranges, Bitter's preserve, assorted and fancy candies, and all other delicacies for a Christmas dinner. 22-43

Adelina Patti, the song queen of the world, has given testimonials to but two American Piano manufacturers, namely, Haines Bros. and Steinway & Son's. All of the leading musicians of the country know what merit the above instruments possess.

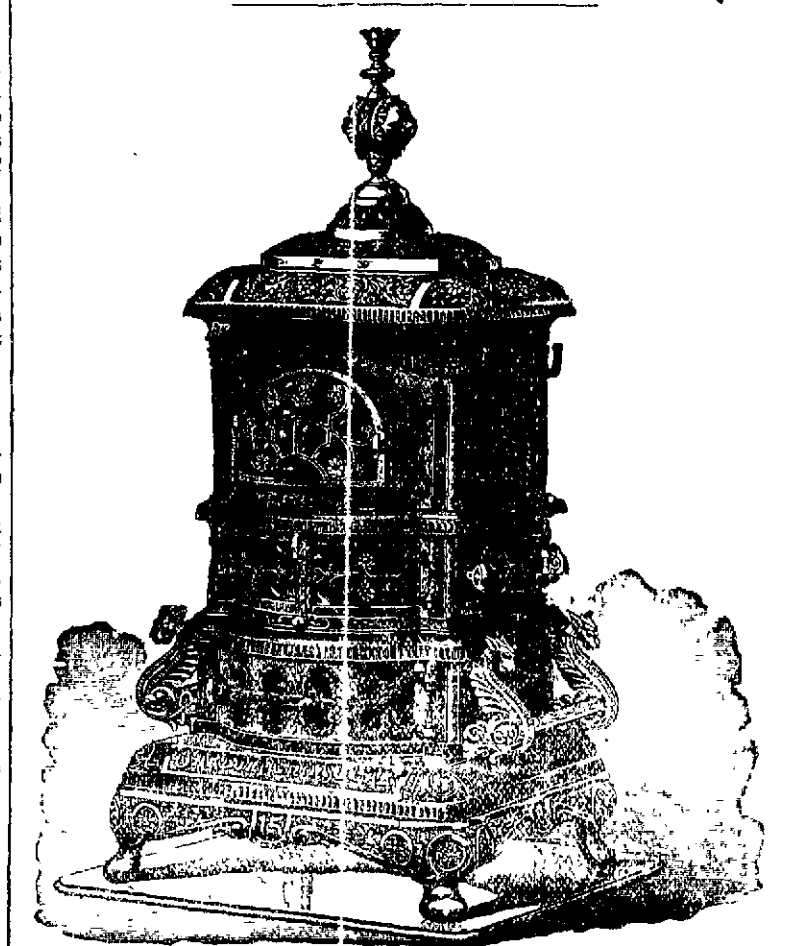
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Would you like to erect a good and beautiful monument to the grave of a departed friend? I will supply you in marble or granite at prices cheaper than any other place in the city. Call at my shop on East Main street before purchasing elsewhere. I have lots of good monuments now on hand and will sell them. All work first class. Thankful for patronage, would solicit a continuance of the same. W. H. GRINDOL, Dec.22-dlm

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We have the muddiest walk in town, yet it will pay you to trade through and see the most unique Novelties in town. J. E. SARTON & Co., manufacturers of Stamping Patterns and dealers in Fancy Goods, etc., 312 N. Water St. d14-dt

V. H. PARKER fills Bed Ticks cheap.

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A MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL

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Christmas Matinee and Night  
SATURDAY, DEC. 25.

Matinee Begins at 2:30 p. m. Sharp

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FRANCES BISHOP  
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SHE HAS NO EQUAL!

In the Funniest of all Funny Plays,

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Don't forget the Grand CHRISTMAS MATINEE for the ladies and little ones—bring the children and see them laugh and be merry.  
MATINEE PRICES—Children, 15c; Adults, 25, 35 and 50 Cts. NO FINGER.  
NIGHT PRICES—25, 50 and 75 Cts.  
NOTICE—Each lady attending the Grand Christmas Matinee will receive a Handsome Cabinet Photograph of Miss Bishop.  
Secure your seats early in advance and avoid the rush at the door. Seats now on sale at Prescott's Music Store.

OPERA HOUSE.

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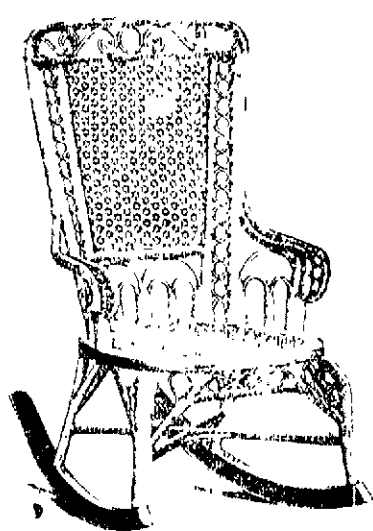
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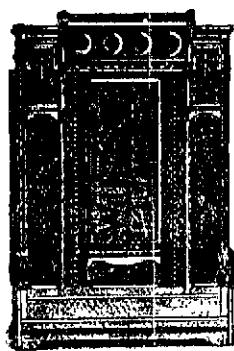
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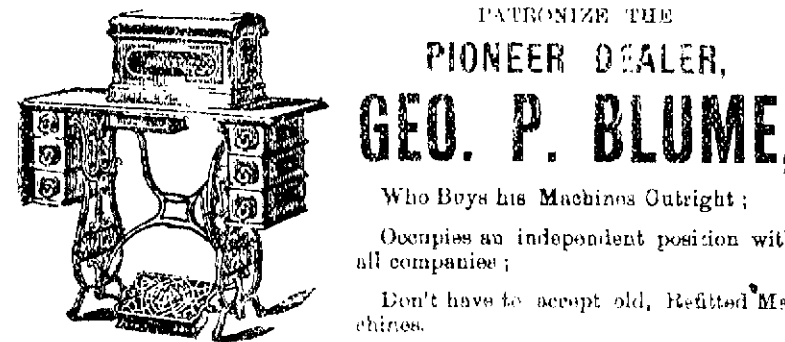
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THURSDAY EVE., DEC. 23, 1886.

**INTER OCEAN:** Friends of Cullom and Reagan are equally jubilant over the impression made by either in the Compromise Inter-state Commerce bill to be reported from the conference committee; but it appears that not a single section of the Reagan bill is found entire in the joint measure, while nine sections of the Cullom bill appear in full. The Illinois statesman gets the long haul on the bill. A Republican's idea of what best conduces to the promotion and regulation of inter-state commerce would naturally be broader than that of a state's rights Democrat. Then, too, Senator Cullom is broad gauge, anyway, whereas not all southern statesmen have changed from narrow to standard gauge.

**DES MOINES REGISTER:** There is more in Christmas than name, and more in Christmas giving than giving. The spirit of that which has the shine in it of the Star of Bethlehem, and which reaches beyond human time and thought, is the spirit of it. They are shallow hearts that see in a Christmas gift nothing but the gift. In writing of the infection of the time, by which all are moved to give, a letter of the other day expressed and explained it all in saying, "after all, what is giving, but loving?" The spirit of it is love, and a love that surpasses all human feeling, and carries all human feeling captive with it.

**BRIGADIER GENERAL HAZEN,** the chief of the Signal Service, is a very sick man. He has not been well for nearly two years. Several years ago he was compelled to absent himself from the office and remain quietly at home. He has placed Captain Greely in charge of the service until such time as it may be possible for him to resume his duties again.

**"THEY THINK THEY DOWN US."** But they don't. —See Say G. J. Danzeisen & Son.

From the amount of newspaper talk from other butchers, one might suppose that they had all the good cattle. We have not been sleeping, and we have secured cattle which we guarantee to be as fine as any the others have. We have some very fine thoroughbred Short-Horn steers and heifers, and we will slaughter five head Wednesday, December 23, and have the meat on our blocks Friday morning, December 24. We will also have some very choice mutton, lamb and veal. We have made efforts to get extra fine cattle for the Christmas trade, but the class of cattle we kill the year round would do very well for Christmas beef in nearly all shops. Among our Christmas cattle are two heifers three years old, from the Short-Horn herd of Dr. J. L. Connelly, and they are as fine as anybody's. Oakley township has furnished us a steer weighing 2,400 pounds, and we have bought of E. A. Jones five steers which will weigh an average of 1,600 pounds each. We don't propose to be outdoors. We have the money to buy just as good cattle as there are in the country, and we get them. Examine and compare our meats with those displayed elsewhere. We make good our promises every time. Yours, truly, G. J. DANZEISEN & SON.

**A Delightful Liquid Laxative.** Syrup of Fig is a most agreeable and valuable family remedy, as it is easily taken by old and young, and is prompt and effective in curing Habitual Constipation and the many ills depending on a weak or inactive condition of the Kidneys, Liver and Bowels. It acts gently, strengthens the organs on which it acts, and awakens them to a healthy activity. For sale by Dr. A. J. Stoner, Decatur. b

My stock of clothing is complete, embracing all styles of goods, and I am determined to sell, no matter how small the profits may be. Come and see me at the old Font's stand, on Water street. Dec 13-dw A. F. ROSS.

**PARENTS, WARDEN AND GUARDIANS!**—A valuable Christmas present, and something to be appreciated through life would be a Scholarship in the Business College Night School. —HARRIS

**V. H. PARKS, Agent Decatur Coal.**

J. R. Ross & Co have an elegant line in sea-kiva caps in styles and prices 20 36

Our store is crowded every day to see Old Santa and his immense line of Christmas Slippers. Don't forget the popular shoe firm of J. H. Black & Son.

**Christmas Matinee Present.** Each lady attending the Christmas matinee at the opera house at 2:30 p. m. will be presented with a cabinet photograph of the sprightly little actress, Frances Bishop, who appears that day in "Maggie's Landing." Matinee prices—25, 35 and 50 cents; children 15 cents. 21dd

My Christmas Presents have arrived and are ready for sale cheap. 18-d6 W. D. DROWEN, South Side Park.

**V. H. PARKS, Coal, Oak, Hay, Straw**

**V. H. PARKS, Outlets Cheap, Outlets Cheap.**

The defeat of the Morrison measure in the House is generally regarded as the defeat of the administration. The influence of the White House was directed in favor of it, and the President shares the sorrow of Mr. Morrison. This having been dispensed since the resolution was defeated, one of the New York members made the following statement to a press correspondent:

Last summer I was approached personally by a representative of the White House and urged to vote in favor of the Morrison proposition. The influence was very strong and was exerted in a way which might have induced some to yield. At this session greater caution has been observed, and I was not approached directly from the White House, as I was before. The influence was indirect, but was just as plain that it came from the White House as before. It was very earnest and very persistent. I told those who approached me that I was supposed to know something about the wishes of my constituents and the interests of my district; that I am a protectionist and not a free trader; that I represent a protection district and am doing my duty to my constituents; that if I had voted with Morrison last summer I should have been defeated at the polls by 3,000 votes instead of being re-elected by a large majority. Of course the influence of the administration was exerted in favor of the Morrison motion, and it would be idle to deny it to four Democrats who voted against that motion. All know how well it was exerted.

**BEEF THAT IS BEEF.** What John Blenz Proposes to Show His Customers on Christmas.

"Man cannot live by bread alone"—he must have meat of some kind, and it is of the greatest importance to his health and well-being that the meat he eats shall be good and wholesome—that it should be kept in a clean place, and that it should be passed into the hands of the cook in a presentable shape. These reflections occurred to a representative of the REPUBLICAN as he heard of the preparations in progress by John Blenz, the well known and popular butcher at No. 559 East Eldorado street, for his annual display of choice meats. Nothing need be said to the patrons of Mr. Blenz concerning the neat and tasteful style of his market—those who go there every year for their family supplies know all about it. For the holiday season this year Mr. Blenz will eclipse all his former efforts. He has purchased of John P. Holmes, of Harrisburg, twenty head of one and two year old Hereford heifers, which are as fine as were ever slaughtered in this market. They will average about 1,200 pounds each, and people who know how perfect is the distribution of fat and lean meat in a good Hereford animal need not be assured that these will show as handsomely as any that were ever put upon the block in Decatur. Besides these will be one fine three-year old steer, f d by Jack Sheets, of Montrie county, weighing nearly 3,000 pounds, one of the largest steers ever killed in Decatur, and two Polled Angus bullocks from Boone county, Missouri, fed expressly for this market.

In addition to this magnificent display of beef Mr. Blenz will have a full supply of the choicest veal, mutton and pork, together with some of the finest venison ever seen here or anywhere else, as well as bear and buffalo meat. These meats will be on sale on Friday, Dec. 24th, and Mr. Blenz invites his customers and the public generally to come and see if they ever beheld a better or finer show of premium holiday meats. The display will be made as attractive as it is possible to make it, and as Mr. Blenz is an artist in that line he may be expected to make a show well worth looking at.

**The Star Restaurant.** Formerly over Morgan's saloon, has removed to the second door north of the Denning Hotel, where it will be conducted as a first-class Restaurant and Lunch Counter. The Restaurant will be conducted on the European plan.

I thank you for your former patronage, and hope to see you in my new quarters. Remember the sign: THE BIG STAR. T. L. BEVERIDGE.

**The Cash System** On and after January 1, 1887, I have decided to introduce the cash system and sell goods for cash only. In doing so we will be able to sell you groceries cheaper than we ever sold you before for the reason that we will have no loss for you to pay for. Those who pay for their goods can't afford to help pay for those that practice deception and never intend to pay for what they get. That loss must be made good, and you who are honest and pay at the end of the week or month, will have to pay for part of it, and the merchant whacks up the balance. Now, times are too hard; you can't afford to pay for groceries that are not your own. In order to sell goods on the credit system and be sure and I must include the shrinkage in my profit, and I charge you enough extra to make up this loss. I am not alone in this. Every merchant, if he be honest and candid with you, will have to admit that you are paying this loss directly. I propose to sell for cash only. In this way I know just what I am doing, and I can add will sell you goods closer for cash than any man can on credit. If merchants who credit could, why haven't they been doing it? I can do it. What is the use in selling a doubtful customer a dollar's worth of sugar and make from 15 to 20 cents, and wait on him three or four months and finally lose it all? Is it not better for me to sell on a five cent margin and get the cash than to sell on a twenty cent margin to cover this loss and get left. I tell you right now that the cash system is better for you, better for me, better for us all around.

I wish all my old customers and my friends generally a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Respectfully Yours, PETER ULLRICH.

**Wall Paper.**

The newest designs and colorings for 1887, just received by LINN & SCRUGGS.

**BUSHER & HUTCHIN** for the finest holiday slippers in the city. d14-d&wt

**GENTS' Silk Handkerchiefs,** ranging from 50c up to the finest imported made, at B. Stine's. d&wt

**SMOKING JACKETS,** a fine present for your husband, brother or future husband, on sale at reasonable prices, at B. Stine's. d&wt

**RED underwear** at a sacrifice at Cheap Charley's d&w

**GREAT bargains in Ladies' Muslin Underwear,** at Linn & Scruggs. d&w

**CHRISTMAS CANDIDIES,** in great variety and prices to suit, at Wood Bros. d&wt

**J. PAINTER** has opened an oyster and lunch room under Cheap Charley's. If you want a good lunch, oyster stew or fry, give him a call. Dec 22-2w

**GENUINE Sugar Loaf Lehigh Hard Coal,** the best in the market. OAKDOWELL, 27-dtt the Live Coal and Wood Dealer.

**V. H. PARKS, Hard and Soft Coal** delivered.

**It is a Blessing**

To be able to find whatever you want in a grocery store, and that is the case at Delaney & Foster's, No. 133 North Franklin street. They keep everything that is usually found in grocery stores, and besides this the stock is of the very best. Whatever you need in the way of table supplies, from a nutmeg to a sack of flour, you can find at this excellent place. It is a pleasure to trade there. 18-d6

**Never Before** Have the Wigwag Slippers been shown in Decatur. If you desire the newest and oddest Christmas present, this will please you. Powers & Haworth have them for ladies, misses and children, men and boys. 18-36

**HARRY MILLER** manufactures all the Candy he sells and warrants it pure. Glucose and corn starch are very unhealthy. 17-6nd

**LUMBERMAN'S STOCKINGS** are warm as the felt boot. Powers and Haworth, sole agents. d&wt

**ANY and all kinds of cabinet work done** at Hart's Upholstery. 13-dtt

**FEED at Geo. W. Ehrhart's coal yard.** d&wt

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**BUSHER & HUTCHIN** for the finest holiday slippers in Decatur. d14-d&wt

**NEW ATTRACTIONS IN FURNITURE.**

New Goods just in for the Holiday Season, including RECLINING and EASY CHAIRS, RATTAN and WILLOW CHAIRS, FOLDING BEDS, LIBRARY TABLES, SECRETARIES, BOOK CASES, FOOT RESTS, BLACKING CASES, WARDROBES with French Plate Glass Fronts, and a large assortment of useful goods suitable for Christmas and New Year Presents.

**We Lead in Popular Prices.**

One store room filled with House Furnishing Goods: Dinner and Tea Sets, beautiful Hanging Lamps, Fancy China and Glass, Carving Knives and Forks, Pocket Knives, Toys, Sleds, Wagons, Doll Carriages, and hundreds of attractive and useful articles for the children, and the old folks, too.

**5 CENT COUNTER. 10 CENT COUNTER.**

In a word—come in and look at the goods, they will be cheerfully shown and prices given, and we feel confident you can save money by purchasing at

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Who has the LARGEST, Most Beautiful and CHEAPEST Line of Holiday and every other day goods in the city. This question is at once answered by a visit to

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